

representation of a document including an other than text portion and for creating the other than text portion of the document;

b) encoding means for automatically encoding said representation created with said authoring components into an Internet-compatible email message; and

c) decoding means for automatically decoding said representation encoded by said encoding means.

Please add new claim 27 as follows.

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27. An electronic mail client, comprising:

a) a plurality of authoring and reading components for authoring and reading different kinds of documents including documents which have content that is not plain text;

b) encoding means for automatically encoding said documents created with said authoring components into an Internet-compatible email messages;

c) decoding means for automatically decoding said documents encoded by said encoding means; and

d) means for determining which of said plurality of reading components are needed to read said documents, wherein

said means for determining automatically opens documents with the reading component needed to read it.